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1. THE SUBGROUP ON GRAINS RECONVENED JUNE 9 AND AGREED ON AGENDA FOR ITS FIRST WORKING MEETING JUNE 23.

2. AFTER INITIAL HESITATION, THE EEC DROPPED ITS PROPOSAL FOR ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE ON THE CONDITION THAT SUBPARA E(1) BE MODIFIED SO AS TO READ QUOTE STABILIZATION OF PRICES AND MARKETS UNQUOTE AND WITH A FURTHER PROVISIO THAT THE INTRODUCTION TO PARA E BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REF TO PARA 3(E) OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION. THESE CHANGES ACCEPTABLE TO THE US. HOWEVER, WE INSISTED, AND IT WAS AGREED, THAT THERE BE ALSO A GENERAL REFERENCE TO THE TOKYO DECLARATION AND NOT ONLY SPECIFICALLY TO PARA 3(E). THERE WAS ALSO A SLIGHT CHANGE IN PARA F WHICH LED TO THE INSERTION AFTER THE WORD CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE WORDS QUOTE AS REGARDS THE ELEMENTS OF THESE TOPICS UNQUOTE.

3. THE PARAS ARE NOW PRECEDED BY NUMBERS INSTEAD OF LETTER AS IN REFTEL AND FULL TEXT OF AGENDA READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: 1. THE SUBGROUP ON GRAINS HELD ITS FIRST SESSION ON 26-28 MAY 1975. AS IT WAS NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE STILL BEING HELD ON THE QUESTION ON CHAIRMANSHIP, IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS SESSION OF THE SUBGROUP WOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARIAT. THE SUBGROUP INVITED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THIS SESSION OF THE SUBGROUP AS AN OBSERVER.

2. THE SUBGROUP HEARD A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS REGARDING THE BASIC APPROACHES WHICH COULD BE ADOPTED FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ON GRAINS, INCLUDING A STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EEC 1/ WHO PROPOSED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BE NEGOTIATED, AND A STATEMENT BY THE REP OF THE UNITED STATES 2/ PROPOSING THAT THE SUBGROUP SHOULD BEGIN ITS WORK WITH AN EXPLANATION OF ALL THE ELEMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN REACHING THE OBJECTIVES OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION. SOME DELEGATIONS CONSIDERED THAT THE INITIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON THE REDUCTION OF BARRIERS TO WORLD GRAINS TRADE AND TRADE DISRUPTIVE PRACTICES, FOLLOWED BY DUE ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF MARKET INSTABILITY. OTHER DELEGATIONS EMPHASIZED THE DIFFICULTY OF TREATING THE QUESTION OF TRADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIBERALIZATION SEPARATELY FROM THE QUESTION OF STABILIZATION AND SECURITY SCHEMES.

3. SOME DELEGATIONS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR ENSURING THE SECURITY OF SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES FOR IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TAKING SPECIALLY INTO ACCOUNT THE NEEDS OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, AND FOR INCORPORATING ADEQUATE MEASURES TO MEET THESE CONCERNS IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE

STABILIZATION OF MARKETS, SUCH AS FOOD AID, INTERNATIONALLY FINANCED CONCESSIONAL SALES, INCLUDING MEASURES BEING DISCUSSED IN THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL AND IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY IN PURSUANCE OF THE DECISIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

4. THE SUBGROUP DISCUSSED THE QUESTION AS TO HOW TO ORGANIZE ITS FUTURE NEGOTIATING WORK ON THE APPROACH TO BE ADOPTED.

5. WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING MULTILATERAL SOLUTION IN THIS SECTOR, AS DECIDED BY THE GROUP AGRICULTURE, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE TOKYO DECLARATION, INCLUDING ITS PARA 3(E), THE SUBGROUP AGREED THAT AT ITS NEXT MEETING, IT WILL ADDRESS ITSELF INITIALLY TO THREE INTERRELATED CATEGORIES OF TOPICS (THE ORDER OF LISTING OF WHICH HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE):

(A) TOPICS RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVE OF STABILIZATION OF PRICES AND MARKETS;

(B) TOPICS RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EXPANSION AND EVER GREATER LIBERALIZATION OF TRADE;

(C) TOPICS RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVES CONCERNING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF IMPORTING AND EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. IT IS EXPECTED THAT IN THSE THREE AREAS FURTHER CONCRETE CONTRIBUTIONS AS REGARDS THE ELEMENTS OF THESE TOPICS WILL BE MADE BY DELEGATIONS. THE SUBGROUP WILL UNDERTAKE AN EXAMINATION OF ALL THE ELEMENS OF ALL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN OR MAY BE MADE, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ASSESSING THEIR CONTENT AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE PROBLEMS RAISED AND TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEGOTIATION.

7. THE SUBGROUP AGREED TO HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON 23 JUNE 1975, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO AVOID AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAR AS POSSIBLE ANY CONFLICT IN TIMING WITH THE MEETINS OF THE SUBGROUP ON DAIRY PRODUCTS. UNQUOTE. 1/ MTN/GR/W/1 27MAY 1975
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